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The next session of the Zion Association will convene with the Brown Creek Baptist church 5 miles north of Wadesboro, N. C., beginning on Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1929. Rev. J. C. Ellerbee to preach the introductory sermon. Rev. W. H. Horne, alternate.

LIST OF COMMITTEES

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On Temperance --J.Q. Robinson, Calvin Chambers, Curtis McKeithan

On Condition of the Country J.A. Little, C.C. Horne, D V. Blakney

On Obituary--B. J. Sturdivant, J. F. Redfearn, J. H. Spencer, S. H. Waddell, Curtis McKeithan.

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Allen, W M	Wadesboro, N. C.
Bowman, V. B. R.	Rt. 1, Marshville, "
Blakney, D V	Monroe "
Chambers, G R Rt. 2	Peachland "
Chambers, J C Rt. 2	Marshville "
Clinton, O A	Wilmington "
Collins, J C Rt. A	Wadesboro "
Chambers, J L	Monroe "
Coxe, R C	Morven "
Chapel, S M	Monroe "
Crump, N L	Norwood "
Davis, F C	Morven "
Diggs, J W Rt. 1	Pee Dee "
Davis, J F	Monroe "
Diggs, James, Rt. 1	Morven "
Diggs, " " 1	Lilesville "
Dunlap, T C	Shankle "
Ellerbee, J. C., box 215	Morven "
Faulkner, E J	Marshville "
Faison, J R	Wadesboro "
Gaddy, L V, Rt. 1	Polkton "
Horne, James, Rt. 1	Morven "
Horne, E H, Rt. 6	Marshville "
Horne, W H, Rt. 1	Morven "
Martin, E H,	Wadesboro "
Moore, A B, Rt. 1	Wadesboro "
Moats, J D, 502-49th St. N. E.	Washington, D C
Michael, R L., Rt. 2	Peachland "
McRae, W C	Pee Dee "
Parsons, B J, Rt. A	Wadesboro "
Pratt, W B, Rt. 1	Morven "
Pegues, P P,	McFarlan "
Perry, H	Monroe "
Sturdivant, B J. Rt. A.	Wadesboro "
Sturdivant, B B	Polkton "
Spencer, D C, Rt. 1	Morven "
Staton, W H	Polkton "
Tanner, R S, Rt. A	Wadesboro "
Tillman, D A,	Wadesboro "
Tillman, H D, Rt.	Wadesboro "
Little, W H, Rt. 1	Polkton "
Ratliff, J T, Rt. A	Wadesboro "
Bethea, C B	Maxton "
Bennett, S S	Wadesboro "
Briley, W P	Polkton "

Sturdivant, B B, Jr. ..... Wadesboro, N. C.
Conrad, M J ....
Huntley, Thomas .... Lynchburg, Va.

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Alsobrooks, J R, Rt. 2 ..... Peachland, N C
Allen, R C, Rt. 3 ..... Marshville "
Bennett, D ..... Wadesboro "
Brooks, T W, Rt. 1 ..... Marshville "
Bennett, W B, Rt. 1 ..... McFarlan "
Burch, W R, Rt. 2 ..... Peachland "
Crowder, Green, Rt. 1 ..... Polkton "
Cox, L R ..... Ellerbee Springs "
Dunlap, J D ..... Laurinburg "
Diggs, Willie ..... Lilesville "
Gatewood, C C ..... Monroe "
Gaddy, E J ..... Wadesboro "
Henry, H. H. ..... New York
Huntley, Thomas ....
Henry, Walter ..... Wadesboro "
Kersey, W A, Rt. 2 ..... Ruby, S C
Little, H L ..... Rock Hill, S C
Medlin, H ..... Peachland "
Martin, J H ..... Wadesboro "
Rivers, Walter, Rt. 1 ..... Monroe "
Redfearn, W M, Rt. 6 ..... Marshville "
Byrd, G W ..... Raleigh "
Ratliff, S G, Rt. 1 ..... Morven "
Redfearn, N H, Rt. 1 ..... Marshville "
Sturdivant, S S ..... Polkton "
Spencer, J H, Rt. 2 ..... Chesterfield, S C
Smith, J ..... Laurinburg "
Sturdivant, H B, Rt. 1 ..... Morven "
Staton, B F ..... Polkton "
Thomas, W T ..... Monroe "
Wall, S D, Rt. 1 ..... Morven "
Waddell, C H, Rt. 2 ..... Morven "
Wall, E B, Rt. 1 ..... Pee Dee "
Winfield, Fairly ..... Peachland "
Huntley, N H ..... Pee Dee "
Medley, E D, Rt. 1 ..... Wadesboro "
Jackson, W S, Rt. A ..... Wadesboro "

Churches, Clerks and Their Postoffice

Bethel--G A Richardson ---------- Norwood, N. C
Brown Creek--C R Smith, route 1, box 54 ---------- Polkton "
Cedar Creek--J P Phillips, route A, ---------- Wadesboro "
Chambers Grove--Frank Chambers, route 1---------- Marshville "
Cool Spring--Miss Elizabeth Smith, route 1---------- Morven "
Deep Creek--J P Huntley, route 2, box 97---------- Peachland "
Ebenezer--G W Crowder---------- ---------- Wadesboro "
Elizabeth M--J Q Robinson, 321 Ghurch Ave.---------- Monroe "
Elizabeth P D--W L Robinson---------- ---------- Pee Dee "
Flat Rock--J P Parsons, route A, box 54---------- Wadesboro "
Fletchers Grove--C W Wade---------- ---------- Clio, S C
Flint Ridge--O L Tanner, route 3, box 56---------- Marshville "
Flint Ride W--Mrs Maggie Clyburn, route 1---------- Monroe "
Friendship--W M Cauthern, route 3, box 7-C---------- Monroe "
Gallilee--J W Watts, route 2 ---------- Marshville "
Green Hill--H P Phillips, route A---------- Wadesboro "
Long Pine--S A Covington, route 1, box 68---------- Ruby, S C
Madison Grove---S L Leak, route A, box 53---------- Wadesboro, "
Meltonsville--S O Chambers, route 1, box 34---------- Marshville "
McLean Grove--David Ratliff, route 1---------- McFarlan "
Mt. Moriah--M D Kiser, route 1. box 37---------- Marshville "
Mt. Zion--Mrs Hattie Jones, ---------- Polkton "
New Zion--P A Thomas ---------- Peachland "
New Grove--Pleas Sturdivant---------- Peachland "
Nicy Grove--G W Ashcraft, route 1 ---------- Wingate "
Chilson Grove--Mrs Sallie Diggs---------- Lilesville "
Olive Branch--J D Parker, route 1---------- Peachland "
Pleasant Hill--Moses Liles, route 1, box 41---------- Morven "
Poplar Hill--T J Tillman, route 2---------- Peachland "
Parsons Grove--A D Byrd, box 1---------- Lilesville "
Poplar Spring--W E Davis, route 2,, box 45---------- Polkton "
Ramah Grove--W M. Little, route 1, box 107---------- Morven "
Rockford E--Sandy Clinton, route 1---------- Lilesville "
Rockford W--W M Dean, route 1---------- Polkton "
Rock Spring--R H Hannah---------- Ruby, S C
Sandy Ridge--M P Waring, route 2---------- Morven "
Saron--
Shankle Grove--A D Davis---------- Norwood "
Timmonsville--R T Burch, route 1, Ruby, S C.
White Oak---L. H. Diggs, route 1, box 24---------- "

Churches And Delegates

Bethel--W A Richardson
Brown Creek--R H Sturdivant, D M McLendon
Cedar Creek--J F Ratliff, R V Rorie
Chambers Grove--Thomas Chambers, A Huntley, Rev S S Thomas
Chilson Grove--H D Diggs, Doctor Diggs
Cool Springs--Ed. Richardson
Deep Creek—L C Phillips, J P Huntley, Augusta Sellers
Ebenezer--G W Crowder, M P McGregor
Elizabeth M--Rev W H Inman, W M Nivens, J Q Robinson
Elizabeth P. D.--W L Robinson, G W Diggs
Flat Rock—J P Parsons S H Waddell, Charlie Lilly
Fletcher's Grove--C W Wade
Flint Ridge--O L Tanner, G W White
Flint Ridge w--Rev L V Gaddy, Thomas Clyburn
Friendship--Horrace Leveston
Gallilee--P A Davis, James Willoughby
Green Hill--H P Phillips, M P Phillips, W S Jackson
Long Pine--L S Ledbetter, H F Davidson
Madison Grove--J C Cason, G W Baucum, Henry Leak
Meltonsville--Calvin Chambers, Samuel Chambers, W T Crowder
McLean Grove--J C Bowman, J F Redfearn
Mt. Zion--Samuel Hubbard, Duncan Horne
Mt. Moriah--J D Rivers
New Zion--C C Horne, Calvin Marsh
New Grove--M P Bennett, Pleas Sturdivant
Nicy Grove--Curtis McKeithan, G W Ashcraft, James Crowder
Olive Branch--W F Hubbard, J A Manus
Pleasant Hill—C M Rivers, H J Little
Poplar Hill—E L Lomax, A D Gaddy
Poplar Spring--W E Davis, W H Parker
Parsons Grove—G R West, Jas A Bennett, A J Hammond
Ramah Grove—Dalas Austin, Spencer Leak, W C Melton
Rockford E—Sandy Clinton, S M Marshall
Rockford w—L L Little, W M Deans
Rock Spring—T L Little, James Ratliff, Arthur McBride
Sandy Ridge--R F Crawford, J D McCoy, M P Warring
Saron--M C McDaniel, G W Bardner
Shankle Grove—Rev L R Winford, W M Allen
Timmonsvilie--J H Ratliff, R F Harrell
Whlte Oak—L H Diggs, Rev R C Cox

PROCEEDINGS

Salisbury St., Wadesboro, N. C.
October 17, 1928

Pursuant to adjournment of previous session held with the Ramah Grove Baptist Church, the Zion Missionary Baptist Association met today in its fifty-sixth annual session with the Ebenezer Baptist Church of this place as hostess, Rev J R Faison, pastor, Rev J W Diggs, Moderator, presiding.

At 11:30 A. M., the Association was opened with praise service conducted by Rev R L Micheal as follows:

Hymn No. 323. "Arise my soul arise," etc.

Prayer by Rev G R Chambers.

Second hymn No. 520, "I love thy kingdom Lord."

Prayer by deacon C C Horne.

In the absence of Revs W H Shaw and A B Moore, who was to preach the introductory sermon, Revs W G Flake and W H Horne took seats on the rostrum to officiate.

Rev Horne lined hymn No. 248 C. M., "Amazing sight the Saviour stands," etc. Rev Flake read the Scripture, Romans 13:1-7. Prayer by Rev P P Pegues. Hymn 378, "Oh for a heart to praise my God," etc.

Rev Flake delivered the introductory sermon from the text "In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord high and lifted up." Isaiah 6:1. This was a wonderful expostulation of Isaiah's vision of God's greatness. The sermon was delivered with much power and enthusiasm. The preacher also appealed to the ministers of Zion to go forward for the Lord.

A spiritual was sung, led by Rev Micheal. After which Rev A B Moore offered prayer.

Bro G R West lifted a collection amounting $16.07. An invitation was extended to visitors, to which the following ministers came forward and were made welcome.

Drs. J H Moore, Durham, N. C., G A Mial, Raleigh, N C J H Randolph, Washington, D.C. Revs J S Fletcher and Tom Richardson, Rockingham. N C. The Association adjourned with benediction by Rev W H Horne.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled. Rev James Horne conducted the devotional services as follows:

Song. Prayer by Bro E D Medley. "Every time I feel the spirit," etc., was sung. After which the praise service was brought to a close. The Moderator, Rev J W Diggs, occupied the chair, and made some extemporaneous remarks along the lines of our duty to God and to each other, and then announced the house in order for business.

On motion we omit reading the letters. The roll was called, names of delegates enrolled. See roll of churches and delegates for names.

After the roll call, Rev J F Davis was invited to the chair by the Moderator to preside during the deliverance of the Moderator's address. Two verses of "There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus" was sung, after which Rev. Davis presented Rev Diggs to his address.

The address was timely, scholarly, thoughtful and full of good common sense. Indeed it was a master-piece. See addresss for further information.

On motion the address be received and placed in the hands of committee on Moderator's address, viz: G W Baucum, C C Horne, Revs G A Mials, W H Horne, A B Moore.

Bro. G W Baucum, Cor. Sec., read his annual report. See elsewhere for the report. By motion the report was received and adopted,

An invitation was extended to visitors, to which Mrs Lucy Thompson, Reidsville, N. C., Revs A D Boatman, C H Daniels, J S Rowland and R H Reddick all came forward and were made welcome.

Rev J H Randolph, the Cor. Sec. of the Lot Cary Convention, was presented by the Moderator, who came forward, by way of an address electrified the audience with an entelligent presentation of the cause of missions as fostered by his Convention. We all were made to feel that we had a part in the cause he represented, and resolved to stand by and support the cause.

A collection of $22.25 was taken and turned over to Dr Randolph for foreign missions.

Long meter doxology was sung, and the Association adjourned with benediction by Dr J H Randolph.

NIGHT SESSION

Promptly at 7 o'clock the praise services were opened by Rev B B Sturdivant, Jr., as follows: Hymn No. 197, "O for a heart to praise my God," etc. Prayer by brother B F Watts, 2nd hymn No. 578, "Come we that love the Lord," etc. Prayer by deacon S H Waddell,

The Moderator presented Dr J H Moore who came forward and delivered one of his famous addresses on Christian Stewardship.

To say that this address was thoughtful, painstaking, awakening, is just putting it mildly. Give account of thy stewardship was the subject.

On motion we donate to Dr Moore on his salary $25.00, the same be credited to Zion Association for State missions.

Rev C H Daniels, accompanied by Dr Mials, took seats in the stand to preach. Dr Mials lined hymn "There is a fountain filled with blood," etc., which was sung by the congregation.

The Moderator introduced Rev Daniels who came forward and preached a very helpful sermon from the text "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." St. Mark 16:15. Dr Mial led in singing "Glory to God I am going that way," etc. Prayer by Rev W H Shaw. Collection $12.30.

The following local program was rendered.

1. Welcome on part of the town by Mayor L D Rivers. Owing to Mr Rivers being somewhat indisposed, Rev J R Faison, the pastor, represented him.
2. Welcome on part of the A M E Zion church by the pastor. Rev L R Williams.
3. A duette by Misses Belle Cole and Annie Thomas.
4. Welcome on part of the Presbyterians of the town by the pastor, Rev J H Cowans.
5. Welcome on part of 1st Baptist church by Rev S S Thomas.
6. A quartette by the Hammond quartette.
7. Welcome on part of Missionary Circle of Ebenezer Baptist church, Mrs I S A Hilliard.
8. Welcome on part of Ebenezer Baptist church, deacon G W Crowder and the pastor.
9. Response on behalf of the field by Prof. L C Phillips
10. Solo by Miss Mary Reid.

The above program was both inspiring and uplifting, Doxology. Benediction by Dr J H Moore.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association assembled at 9:30 A. M., the Moderator, Rev J W Diggs, presiding.

Praise services were conducted by Rev J C Ellerbee, as follows: A spiritual was sung. Prayer by Rev J C Chambers. Rev Ellerbee read the 24th division of the Ps., and commented on the same. Prayer by Rev S S Bennett. The Moderator came to the chair. After making some very timely remarks, announced the Association open and in order for business.

On motion the proceedings of yesterday and last night were read and approved.

Red Level failing to report two successive years, was under the penalty of the Constitution. On motion the ordaining board would investigate and report to this body.

Rev J C Ellerbee, delegate to the State Convention, and Rev J F Davis, delegate to the Lot Cary Convention, both made reports from their respective Conventions. On motion the reports received and adopted.

Rev G A Mial, the Reformer man, very ably presented the cause and mission of the paper.

The Association pledged to him its support.

Rev W H Station, who was on program to deliver a sermon, entered the rostrum, accompanied by Rev P P Pegues and Dr. Mial.

Rev Pegues lined hymn "O where shall rest be found," etc., which was sung with the spirit. Rev Station read the Scripture St. Matt. 11:20-30. Prayer by brother J H Spencer. 2nd hymn No. 520, "I love thy kingdom Lord." Rev Staton selected as a text "Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done." St. Matthew 6:10.

The speaker labored very earnestly in his discourse.

"I heard the voice of Jesus say," etc., was sung. Prayer by Rev B B Sturdivant, Jr. Collection $16.25.

Invitation was extended to visitors, to which Dr A W Pegues, Raleigh, N. C, Rev L R Williams, pastor Kesler Chapel, Wadesboro. N, C.. Revs J W I Tonston, Monroe, N. C., I. S. Ingram, Wadesboro. N. C., Rev and Mrs L W

Wertz, Hamlet, N. C., all came forward and were made welcome. Doxology. Benediction by Rev W H Staton.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Promptly at 2:30 p. m. the Association was called to order, and brother W A Kersey conducted the praise services as follows: Hymn No. 250, "Come ye that love the Lord," etc. Prayer by deacon H F Davidson. After singing two verses of "What a wonderful change in my life have been wrought," the praise service was closed, and the moderator announced the house open and ready for business. The moderator introduced Dr Pegues, who came forward, in his usual dignified manner, very ably discussed the work and problem, mission of the ministry. Also brought before us the work of the State Convention and what it is doing to foster Christian Education and missions, and our duty to support it. The address was timely and well received by all who heard him.

The Woman Auxilliary, headed by Mrs A C Robinson, rendered a short program, and made report as follows: A paper of Condolence in honor of Rev J E P Little, Mrs W E Davis. A paper on the work and object of the Woman's Circle, Mrs W T Gatewood, and report by the president as follows: To State Convention, foreign missions $40.00; to the All Baptist Convention $25.00; Lot Cary Convention $11.00; Zion Association this session $20.00. Total $96.00.

Mrs Lucy Thompson, representing the Orphan Home at Gibsonville, N. C., made a very strong plea in behalf of the institution, and solicited support. She laid it's obligations heavily on us, and it was our duty to help support it. A collection of $12.55 was lifted by Rev L W Wertz and donated to Mrs Thompson for the institution.

On motion we supplement this amount to $25.00 out of the State mission fund if said funds warrants it.

Mrs Wertz was presented and made remarks.

On motion Rev Wertz preach the sermon tonight, provided Rev Dr E W Burk fails to come, at the Methodist church. Doxology. Benediction by Dr A W Pegues.

NIGHT SESSION

The Association re-assembled at the Kesler's Chapel A M E Zion church, Rev W H Horne conducting the praise services as follows: Hymn No. 277, "Come holy Spirit heavenly dove," etc. Prayer brother E D Medley. Second hymn No. 316, "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds," etc. Prayer by Rev L T Allen. Third hymn No. 587, "Soldiers of Christ arise," etc. Prayer by Rev B F McManus.

The praise services being closed, the house was announced open and ready for business.

On motion we turn a vote of thanks to the missionary sisters for their splendid report and general donation.

Rev H I Quick was presented, and he discussed the subject "Economy and Thrift."

In the absence of Dr. Burk, Rev L W Wertz was presented, and he delivered a master sermon from the text "I am the way." St. John 14:6. The speaker, with eloquence and power intelligently proved without a shadow of doubt that Jesus is the way in life, in Christian attainments and salvation. Indeed, this was a great sermon.

One stanza of "I heard the voice of Jesus say," etc., was sung, and Rev T R Richardson addressed the throne of heavenly grace in a fervent prayer. "Go preach my gospel saith the Lord," etc., was sung during which time we enjoyed the presence of the Holy Spirit. Collection $18.10. Doxology. Benediction by Rev J F Davis.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Promptly at 9:40 a. m. the Assscіation was called to order, the moderator presiding. The praise services were conducted by Rev W M Allen as follows:

Hymn No. 454 "A charge to keep I have," etc.

Prayer by Rev T C Dunlap. 2nd hymn No. 356, "I was a wandering child,"etc. Prayer by brother E D Richardson. The Moderator announced the house open and in order for business.

On motion the proceedings of yesterday and last night were read and adopted.

The Ordaining Board made its report. See elsewhere

for report. The report was adopted.

Miss Ida Shadd of Monroe read a paper. Subject: "The mission field and the laborers."

The committee on condition of the country made report. Report adopted. Committee on officers made report. The report was adopted, except that part in reference to the moderator. The committee recommended Rev J F Davis for moderator. They changed that recommendation and elected Rev J W Diggs Moderator. See first page for roll of officers.

Revs E D Womack, J W Bennett, S M Quick and W M Pickett were introduced and made welcome. Committee on place reported, recommending Elizabeth M. as the place of our next meeting. A vote was taken, and it stood 66 to 68 unfavorable to Elizabeth. Brown Creek was nominated by Bro Richmond Sturdivant. After a vote was polled, on motion the selection of Brown Creek as the place of next Association was made unanimous.

On motion we endorse the Pee Dee Institute of Hamlet for our ministers.

Adjourned with benediction by Rev Jas Horne.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled, the moderator presiding. Devotional services were conducted by Rev A B Moore as follows: Hymn No. 293, "Father I stretch my hands to thee," etc. Prayer by Rev B B Sturdivant, Jr. 2nd hymn No. 375. "O for a closer walk with God," etc. Prayer by Rev J A Little.

The house was announced open and ready business.

On motion the next Union Meeting convene with the McLean Grove Church in December, 1928.

On motion Revs B B Sturdivant, Jr., and E H Martin preach the introductory sermon.

On motion Rev J C Ellerbee preach the introductory sermon at the next Association: Rev W H Horne, alternate.

Rev W H Knuckles, Lumberton, N. C., was presented and made some good remarks, in which he stated that the denomination had only two accredited high schools in the State---Thompson Institute, Lumberton, N. C.; Roanoke Institute, Elizabeth City, N. C.

Rev W H Wall, (white) Concord, N. C., traveling evangelist, was presented, and made a thrilling speech for the cause of Christ and the uplift of the people.

The Treasurer, Rev B B Sturdivant, made his annual report. See elsewhere for report. The report was adopted.

The finance committee made report. See report. Report adopted.

Committee on obituary reported. Report adopted.

On motion of Rev. J F Davis, we turn a vote of thanks by rising, to the pastor of Ebenezer church, members and all who contributed the happiness, welfare and comfort of us during our stay.

Dr W W Blair, Presiding Elder of this District of the A M E Zion church, was introduced and made remarks.

Business was dispensed with to listen to a sermon by Rev H C Jones, Lumberton, N. C.

Rev James Horne lined hymn "Must Jesus bear the cross alone," etc. Rev J F Davis introduced Rev Jones as the speaker. He announced as a text, St. John 1:3. The speaker delivered a thrilling sermon. After singing, Rev W M Pickett led in prayer. On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Brown Creek church, 5 miles north of Wadesboro, on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October 1929.

REV J W DIGGS, Moderator
A L LEAK, Clerk

APPENDIX

MODERATOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

It is an honor to greet you in this, the 56th annual session of this body, for the first time as your humble moderator, We are closing another year's work for our King. Your presence today shows that you have not turned aside either at Dan nor Bethel to pay homage to false ideals and selfish leadership, but have followed that Spirit of christian fellowship which prompt us not to forsake the

assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is.

It is indeed a privilege for us to be together and inquire of one another, "What hath God wrought?"

When last we met a year ago, our beloved moderator was with us, but today his voice is hushed, and he is gone the ways of all the earth. In the moving of him, let each of us tighten up and continue to carry out those principles that were so dear to him, and with the poet may we say, "Brethren, we are all sailing home, and by and by, when we are not thinking of it some shadowy thing (men call death) at midnight, will pass by and call us by name, and will say "I have a message for you from home. God wants you, heaven waits for you."

As great and sore the problems that have confronted us as a church, nation and individual, have been severe, they were not so severe as our sins, follies and neglect deserved. Therefore it becomes us to acknowledge our short comings before God and implore His mercy and resolve in our hearts to re-dedicate our lives and all earthly treasure to His service.

We should praise God today, that out of all afflictions of the past there has come to us manifold blessings. The God whom we serve is still on the throne of the universe, keeping watch over His own and directing the church in her earthly mission.

Our opportunities are larger, the means more abundant and the time near, when the minister must live cleaner and nobler lives, that they might be able to preach the everlasting gospel to them that dwell on the earth without any compromise.

We should feel grateful to Almighty God for His guidance during the past year, and while the work done does not measure up to the numerical strength and possibilities of our great Association, yet it evidences growth in unity of action, and awakening of deeper interest individual responsibility among the laity and larger sacrifices of means to advance the Kingdom of Christ than at any period during our past history as a Association.

The good seed sown by our fathers and predecessors in the Christian faith are still abiding within us and yielding rich returns. We today would not be what we are nor where we are, had not others come before us and blazed the way.

No greater assurance, therefore, of our labors being fruitful needs be sought elsewhere than in this large assemblage of splendid men and women, who our fathers led to Christ, baptized into the fellowship of the church and taught the fine art of Christian living and true citizenship.

Our methods of work vary, but the gospel we spread is the same. "One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in all.

We believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, that God made of one blood all men, and since Christ died for all, His blood is the only cure for our sins.

As Baptists, we stand for the democracy taught by Jesus Christ on the Mount---equal rights for all and special favors to none. We teach our people to be loyal to the flag of their country, law abiding, industrious, sober in their habits and Christlike in their daily living. We condemn crime in whomsoever found, and will by no means shield the guilty. We plead for equal justice in the courts, equal accommodation on public conveyances and an equal chance in the field of industry, labor and add to the country's wealth and renown. We are ready and willing at all times, when called upon by the authorities, to help put down violence and establish law and order. It is to be deplored that there are any lynching in this fair land of ours. No greater insult, except treason, could possibly be hurled at the flag of this country than the taking of the law in its own hands by a mob and with savage glee, and in the most barbarious way deprive a citizen of life without trial, and due process of law. We call upon the Chief Magistrate of this Nation and his executives and all organized forces in the land, both civic and religious, to exert the most potent means possible to heal this running sore of our national life, which is not only weakening us at home, but as a so-called christian nation, it is putting a discount on the religion we export to the heathen.

We may raise millions of dollars for the conversion of the heathen but still drag along through the years with only nominal success, because we neglect to heed the voice of Him, who speaks from behind the seven golden candlesticks. "Not by might nor by power, but my Spirit saith the Lord," but insist on raising large sums of money

to equip mission stations as if we meant to impress the heathen with our power and greatness, rather than by precept and example at home and abroad, carry to them the Spirit of Christianity and not so much of the letter.

We should be proud, my brethren, and thank God for the grip which the colored ministry has on the masses of our people. Their zeal for God and the high ideals of law and order exhibited in the preaching-of-gospel of Jesus Christ. We can only hold this grip upon our people by living clean lives, abstaining totally from intoxicating liquors, be the husband of one wife, and live above the petty things of life.

Missions. The greatest claim upon this Association is the work of missions. Under the Great Captain, our marching orders are "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Besides those already on the field, others ought to be sent to carry good news and glad tidings to a lost world. Our forces ought to be re-enforced that greater work might be done for the Master and the reclaiming of the lost souls. Shall we do our part? Let us give more for missions this year than we have done before.

Education The educational system of North Carolina has been, as we know, wonderfully improved. Longer school terms and better pay teacher, and compulsory education enforced. This is as it should be, for ignorance is a burden on the commonwealth, and we must see to it that every child receives the training which the State provides.

Brethren, we should co-operate in the religiously training of the youth of denomination. We should support credited secondary schools operated by Baptists in the State, and support Shaw University in its educational program that we might have better prepared men, both in the pulpit and the pew.

When we look back over the past year's record, we can say we have done remarkable; the following amounts has been collected, paid out according to a statement handed me by secretary. At a joint board meeting July, 30, 1928,

we adopted the budget system for our educational and mission work for the year, our budget was $750; how well we have kept our pledge will be seen by the following. The Association have paid $144.42, the Women's Convention $20; the Sunday School Convention $201.80; Madison Grove $5.01; Elizabeth $60.00; Gallilee $3.10; Ebenezer $1.50: New Zion $4.00; Poplar Springs $10.00; Cedar Creek $4.00; Flint Ridge $7.50; Mt. Zion $6.00; the Joint Meeting $12.50. Total for missions $475.83. For education, Association $228.30. Joint meeting $14.60. Sunday School Convention $68.00. Total for education $310.90. A grand total for missions and education $786.73. You can see from the above we went beyond our expections, and still we have not done our best. There are other churches whose name ought to enter this roll of contributors and is not there. Brethren, let us go forth the coming year with new zeal, that we might do more, and a better work for the Master than we have ever done. Finally my brethren let selfishness and office-seeking, strife in the field of service be banished from your mind, and let us see the world for Christ, and that, Baptist, regardless from whence he came, if he is in good and regular standing in his church, and his or her character is good, and his or her soul has been touched by the divine power from above, and he put on Christ's baptism, and is walking in the newness of life, he is your brother and sister.

The Women's Work. Brethren, let us go forth the coming year with more faith in the work of our women. They have wrought well in the past, and it is up to us to see to it that in each of our churches they be given more support in putting over the program for the Master. Without them, our churches would lag, it is by them they are kept alive, and by them we are are supported, and by them the world must be saved. Let there be a Circle in every church, the pastor, deacons, & members supporting them in all their endeavors. Women of the Zion Association, you can give and serve and pray. You can give self-denyingly and serve lovingly. You can pray conqueringly. Best example of self-denying liberality in the Bible is recorded of women. The best example of conquering prayer in Bible is recorded of women. It was no great gitt, no great service, no great prayer. The gift was a widow's mite. The service was anointing of Jesus with a box of ointment. The prayer was a mother's prayer for a daughter possessed of a devil. But the gift and service and prayer were

self-denial and love and faith. And so in the sight of God are of great value.

Recommendations:

1. That our contribution for State missions, girl's education and ministerial education be double this year.
2. That we secure the service of some competent Bible teacher, and a Institute be held in the bounds of the Association in the month of January or February, for the benefit of ministry of the Association and Christian workers. And that a sum of money be set aside for the expense of such institute from the Association treasurer; and such institute shall be held at such place as the Executive Board may decide.
3. That this Association unite with some other Associations in its educational endeavors. And that a commission be appointed by this Association to confer with Commissioner appointed by other bodies.
4. That the pastor give the missionery workers an opportunity from time to tlme to speak of their work in their respective churches, that the entire membership of the churches may see the great need of co-operating with them in the mission work.

Your humble servant, J. W. DIGGS, Moderator.

Report of Corresponding Secretary

Bro. Moderator, Delegates and Friends :

We are happy to know that we have out-lived another Associational year. Great revivals have been conducted during the year. The ministers seem to be enlivened to their gospel work. Since our last Association convened this field has been saddened by the death of our beloved Moderator, Rev J E P Little, who so recently graced the moderator's chair for several consecutive years.

To know him is but to love him is putting it mildly. We helped Mr J K Leak in A & T College of Greensboro, N C by paying one month's tuition and board. We see many churches are struggling to build. It is our indispensible dutv to help these churches.

We would say in organizing new churches, we should use every precaution for fear we might get one out of place.

The field has helped a good many churches by making them loans.

In the midst of our happiness we should not forget Fla., Cuba, &c.

Therefore we recommend that we take a special collection in this meeting and forward it at once to the relief committee to help relieve the sufferers of the above named district. Yours respectfully,

G W BAUCUM, Cor. Sec. Zion Association

Annual Report of Treasurer

I, B B Sturdivant, Treasurer, in account with Zion Association, submit the following report for the fiscal year ending October 10, 1928 :

Oct. 12, '27	Rec'd from Cedar Creek ch. on note		$100.00
' '	' from the Masonic & K P Lodges Polkton,		22.00
' 13, '	' Miss Roberta Robinson, note in full		75.00
' 14, '	' Public collection at the Association		92.91
' 14, '	' from the Women Convention		30.00
' ' '	' Interest		1.50
' ' '	' public collection, Association		31.00
' ' '	' S S.C.W H M C & the Joint meet'g		25.00
' ' '	' Representation fee		510.42
' ' '	' State & foreign missions		62.07
' ' '	' for aged ministers		33.32
' ' '	' Shaw University		92.53
' ' '	' from the Annuity Society		20.00
Dec. 5	' from Ebenezer church on note		81.00
Jan. 29,'28	' Representing fee, Union meeting		33.00
' ' '	Public collection, ' '		1917
' '	Annuity Society ' '		1.00
' '	for Shaw University ' '		28.65
Mar. 26	' from Meltonsville church on note		95.56
' 17	' from Ebenezer ' ' '		87.00
Apr, 29	' Representing fee, Union meeting		33.00
' ' '	for missions and education, Un. mt.		70.89
' ' '	public collection ' '		28.20
' ' '	from Annuity Society ' '		1.50
July 28	' Representing fee		16.86
' ' '	for missions		18.30
' ' '	for education		7.35

Total receipts	$1617,23
Brought forward from last report	452.17
Aggregate	$2069.40

Order	1	J E P Little, moderator, Zion Ass.	25.00
'	2	A L Leak, Secretary, service	35.00
'	3	B B Sturdivant, treasurer, service	15.00
'	4	G W Baucum, corres. sec., service & ex.	35.72
'	5	A C Chavis, donation to Ramah Gr. church	5.00
'	6	Allen Marshall, sexton	3.00
'	7	J H Ratliff, donation to Timmonsville ch.	15.00
'	8	L V Gaddy, donation to Flint Ridge W ch.	15.00
'	9	M P Waring, exp. of finance committee	10.50
'	10	G W Baucum, ex. ordaining board at Wa'b'ro	4.50
'	11	G W Baucum, ' ' ' ' Monroe	8.00
'	12	G W Baucum ' executive committee	16.50
'	13	J R Alsobrooks, service	1.50
'	14	B J Parsons, donation	18.00
'	15	B J Sturdivant, donation	7.00
'	16	H D Tillman, '	7.00
'	17	D A Tillman, '	7.00
'	18	B B Sturdivant '	17.00
'	19	Mrs I S A Hilliard '	10.00
'	20	J T Ratliff, exp. of ordaining board	15.00
'	21	W B Pratt, donation	7.00
'	22	W H Horne, delegate exp. to State Con.	10.00
'	23	J F Davis ' ' ' '	10.00
'	24	J E P Little ' ' ' '	10,00
'	25	J F Davis for Shaw University	100.00
'	26	J F Davis, State and foreign missions	62.07
'	27	W H Inman, donation to Elizabeth M	25.00
'	28	B J Sturdivant, donation to Green Hill	15.00
'	29	A L Leak. Scholarship for Elizabeth, Africa	20.00
'	30	Southern Fidelity & Security Co., P.on bond	10.00
'	31	J V Lowe, printing minutes	115.00
'	32	O S Bullock, donation, exp. Board of Prom.	50.00
'	33	J K Leak, donation for education	20.00
'	34	S S Thomas, donation to Chambers Grove ch.	5.00
'	35	J C Ellerbee, moderator Union Meeting	5.00
'	36	J T Ratliff, Sec. ' '	3,50
'	37	L V Gaddy, correcting error	1.61
'	38	L L Ledbetter, donation to Long Pine church	5.00

'	39	J T Ratliff, exp. ordaining board	6.00
'	40	Aaron Barrett, sexton	1.50
'	41	A L Leak, exp. to Monroe & dis. minutes	5.00
'	42	T C Campbell, donation Rock Spring ch.	15.00
'	43	V B R Bowman, donation	7.00
'	44	J C Ellerbee, exp. member of ex. com.	3.00
'	45	J C Ellerbee, moderator Union Meeting	5.00
'	46	J T Ratliff, Secretary ' '	4.50
'	47	Lonny Nivens, sexton	1.50
'	48	T C Campbell, donation to Rock Spring ch.	10.00
'	49	J F Davis, donation	5.00
'	50	O S Bullock, donation to Shaw University	100.00
'	51	Mrs J E P Little, Annuity Endowment fund	25.00
'	52	J C Ellerbee, delegate exp. to State Con.	15.00
'	53	J F Davis, ' ' Lot Cary '	16.00
'	54	J W Diggs ' ' ' ' '	16.00
'	55	J C Ellerbee, State Con.; Rep. fee & Shaw U.	15.65
'	56	G W Baucum, donation to G'd'd School at W,	5.00

Loaned Sandy Ridge 200.00, Chambers Grove 75.00

Personally on mortgage 60.00. Total 335.00

Total disbursements and loans 13,361.05

Balance as follows:

In bank	733.35
Due by Masonic and K P Lodges, Polkton	29.48
' by Meltonsville church	404.44
' by Ebenezer church	145.20
' by Cedar Creek church	100.00
' on mortgage and notes as indicated above	335.00
Total	$1747.47

Summary Report—

Running expenses, including printing, etc.	319.72
Paid State and foreign missions	144.42
' to aged ministers	80.00
Donated to churches	110.00
Given to Shaw University	208.30
Given to Boys Education	20.00
Paid Annuity death claim	25.00

‘ delegates expenses to convention..... 77.00
‘ premium on bond of the treasurer..... 10.00
‘ Miscellaneous donations, etc. 6.61

B B STURDIVANT, Treasurer

I, J C Cason, have carefully examined the statement, papers and vouchers of the Treasurer, and find them satisfactory and O. K. This Oct. 19, 1928.

J C CASON. Auditor Zion Association.

Ordaining Board's Report

Through the benign providence of God, we are able to greet you in the 56th annual session of the Zion Association. Observing the ecclesiastical phase of our Association, we have discovered many things in the prosecution of the ministering to the saints, and the soul winning power of both the ministry and laity of our churches, to gladden our hearts, while we see some things to the reverse. But we take courage in the promise of the divine Scriptures that all things will work together for good to them who love the Lord.

We are being confronted with an occasional interest among the churches. They, falling out with their pastors without any serious charge against their morals or their ability to lead; just only because of the lost of their own love. Brethren, this ought not to be. We also believe when one is divinely called of God to do any work, he wlll not fail to make the supreme effort to prepare his or her self for the work whereunto they are called. Therefore we would urge upon the churches once more not to urge upon the board to ordain a brother to the highest degree of the gospel ministry regardless of their fitness.

At the Union Meeting at Long Pine, Jan. 1928, Revs S S Bennett, B B Sturdivant, Jr., and W P Briley, were ordained to the full work of the ministry, and Aug. 26, 1928, Rev M C Conrad was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry. We recommend that their names be carried to the roll of ordained ministers.

On Tuesday evening, the 16th of Oct., we met at Ebenezer church and examined the following brethren: W S Jackson, W A Henry, W R Rivers and C H Waddell. Neither of them came up to the requirement. We therefore ask them to pursue their studies. Respectfully submitted, your ordaining board, Rev J T Ratliff, Chairman
Rev J F Davis, Sec.

Report of Committees

On Condition of The Country..We are viewing with keen interest the restless and reckless pursuit that is ranking in the breast of the nation, and throwing the mixture into conglomeration. The political upheavel that is shaking the foundation of the major parties of our country, causing men to change faces and getting lost in the shuffle, is showing which way the wind is blowing. With awe we are watching for the assaults that are threatening the bullwark of our organic laws; the laws for which the fathers fought, bled and died in its infancy, and for which the women (18th Amendment) toiled, cried and prayed. It is alarming to see the stormy, dark crime wave that is sweeping the country. The divorce mill grates on our nerves as it grinds away, putting out its products. The shadow of the hand-writing on the wall as seen in the floods, storms and hurricanes that are sweeping the country leaving death and destruction in the wake, has not been seen by the public. They are rushing as it were as horses into battle, blinded by the idol gods of the world. Except ye soldiers of Christ who are on board the ship, ask the master to speak to the storm peace be still, we are doomed to destruction. Therefore we urge every true believer, of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to re-dedicate, re-consecrate his or her life again to God and walk in the unison of life as God may be glorified, and that his kingdom may spread in all the earth.

Respectfully submitted,

C C Horne, Sec. Rev J A Little, Chairman

On Resolutions..Seeing that the efforts to win souls to Christ are so variously applied, and many are so far from Scriptural teachings, and the moderator in his annual address recommended that we should hold a ministerial institute, and his recommendations were received.

Resolved that in this institute that true and Scriptural evangelism will be one of the principles taught in this institute. Respectfully submitted, your committee,

Rev J F Davis, Chairman.

On Place..We, your committee on Place, have decided that the next Association be held with Elizabeth, Monroe, beginning Wednesday before 3rd Sunday in Oct., 1929.

Respectfully submitted,

J F Ratliff, for the Com.

The Association changed the place to Brown Creek ch.

On Obituary..We, your committee on obituary, beg to submit the following report; We examined the letters coming from the churches and found that seventy-four of our brethren and sisters have passed over the river. In that number we feel so keenly the loss of Rev J E P Little, our late moderator and deacon Carlyle Leak. Both of these brethren have served the field efficiently in many prominent places. We bow with humble submission to Him who doeth all things well. Therefore we recommend that we hold 20 minutes memorial service in honor of them. Respectfully submitted,

Your committee, Bro J H Spencer, Sec.

Finance Committee's Report

CHURCHES	Repsent'g Fee	State & foreign missions	Christian Education	Aged ministers	Shaw University	Total	Rep. Fee	Missions and Education
Bethel	$	$ 25		25			1 50	32
Brown Creek	12 30	50	50	1 00	9 90	24 20	7 50	8 84
Cedar Creek	13 70	1 00	50	50		15 70	2 00	1 88
Chambers Grove	4 10	50		50		5 10	1 00	65
Chilson Grove	3 10			50	1 50	5 10	2 00	2 00
Cool Spring	1 80	50		25	25	2 80	1 00	
Deep Creek	64 10					64 10	4 00	
Ebenezer	3 70	50		25		4 45	2 00	
Elizabeth M	19 10	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 40	25 00		
Elizabeth P D	4 70	1 00	76	50	1 00	7 96	1 00	
Flat Rock	5 70	50		1 00	3 35	10 55	1 00	
Fletcher's Grove	1 00	6 00	50	50	1 50	9 50	5 00	
Flint Ridge	16 90	2 00		1 00		19 90	2 00	
Flint Ridge W	50	50		25		1 25	2 00	
Friendship	2 90	50		50	5 00	8 90	4 00	
Gallilee	2 50	25	25	25	25	3 50	1 00	
Green Hill	1 50		50	50	1 50	3 50	2 00	
Long Pine	5 50	50		50	3 75	10 25	2 00	1 50
Madison Grove	7 40	3 49	1 04	1 00	4 16	17 09	3 00	
Meltonsville	35 70	50		50	50	37 20	1 00	
McLean Grove	7 10	6 95	1 00	1 00		16 05	2 00	4 11
Mt Zion	2 69	1 00	1 00	50	3 45	8 64	2 00	2 21
Mt Moriah	1 90	1 00		50		3 40	1 00	
New Zion	12 90	1 00	50	50		14 90		3 00
New Grove	9 10	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	14 10	2 00	5 30
Nicy Grove	19 50	50	50	50		21 00	2 00	10 50
Olive Branch	1 10	50	15	25	1 00	3 00	1 00	
Poplar Hill	8 70	50	50	1 00		10 70	2 00	
Pleasant Hill	4 30	60		50	1 00	6 40		2 00
Parsons Grove	38 84	50	50	50		39 84	4 86	19 60
Poplar Spring	15 90					15 90	3 00	12 65
Ramah Grove	18 10	50	50	50	2 00	21 60	2 00	10 00
Rockford E	14 70	1 00	1 00	1 00		17 70	2 00	7 84
Rockford W	15 00		50	1 00		16 50	3 00	7 68
Rock Spring	6 70	2 00	1 00	50		10 40	3 00	4 39
Sandy Ridge	16 40	6 00	6 00	4 00	9 20	41 60	2 00	7 15
Saron	5 50	50		25	3 75	10 00	2 00	
Shankle Grove	4 50	50		50	50	6 00		
Timmonsville	6 80	2 00		50		9 30	2 00	
White Oak	15 80	5 12			4 00	24 92	2 00	6 22

Number of churches reported	40
Number of members represented	5,632
Number of candidates baptized	307
Net gain in membership	23
Value of church property	$103.350,00
Collected representing fee	430.83
' State and foreign missions	51.16
' Christian education	19.70
' Aged ministers	26.75
' Shaw University	59.26
Received from W H M Convention	20.00
' from ministerial Annuity Society	34.50
' by public collections	75.72
Total	$718.12

Union Meetings Report

Representing fee	79.86
Missions and education	125.19
Ministerial Annuity for	2.50
Public collection	47.37
Total	$254.92

The following churches due on the present representation and promises to pay before the minutes are printed. Chambers Grove $3.80; Meltonsville $34.30.

Committees Report on Ways and Means of Helping Superanuated Ministers

We, your committee on ways and means to further aid the aged and infirm ministers of our field, beg leave to make the following report: After carefully considering the urgent need of help in a financial way among the clergy, both in time of sickness and death, recommend the following; 1st. That there be organized a Ministerial Annuity Society, composed of the preachers and deacons of Zion Association. 2nd. That the members thereof be required to pay a joining fee of $1.00 and an annual fee $1.50 each. 3rd. That the revenues collected in this society be paid into the treasury of Zion Association annually, and paid out in manner as all other funds are paid out of said treasury by recommendation of the Ministerial An-

nuity Society. 4th. Upon the death of each member of this society the Moderator of Zion Association shall cause an order to be drawn upon the treasury of Zion Association for the sum of $25.00 to be turned over to family for burying expense. 5th. In case of continued illness of a member, and the sick member so require, the Ministerial Annuity Society may recommend to donate such amount as the society in session may determine, and given to him as sick dues, provided the amount is not to exceed $12.50; provided further whatever amount paid as sick dues, be deducted from $25.00 burial expense. 6th. We further recommend the encouragement of the churches to continue their annual appropriations to Zion Association for aged ministers and endeavor to enlarge them. Provide that 10 per ct. of the public collection in the Association, not specified, be added to the appropriation given by the churches and paid to them as heretofore.

Revs J F Davis, E H Martin & A L Leak.

Members of The Annuity Society

Rev J F Davis
' B B Sturdivant
' J R Faison
' B F McManus
' J T Ratliff
' J C Ellerbee
' R L Micheal
' B J Sturdivant
' W H Staton
' D V Blakney
' J W Diggs
' W P Briley
' S M Chapel
' W H Horne

Deacon A L Leak
' J E Little
' W M Ingram
' S M Marshall
' L S Ledbetter
' S M Chambers
' C C Horne
' S M Hubbard
' Jas A Bennett
' E D Richardson
' Calvin Chambers
' Sam Chambers
' A D Byrd
' O L Tanner
' J P Parsons
' S H Waddell
' C W Wade
' H C Robinson
' R R Robinson

CONSITUTION

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Zion Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The primary object of this Association shall be to increase the spirit and efficiency of the churches, to support the gospel in destitute places among us, to assist the churches in the erection of suitable buildings for worship; to organize churches and Sunday Schools whenever practicable; to raise contributions for State, Home and Foreign Missions, and to co-operate with the Union Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in all of its plans of educational and missionary work.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of regular Baptist churches in good standing, and in full practice of the faith, discipline, ordinances, and of the doctrines of regular Baptist denominations. Also of the regular ministers in good standing in the churches in the bounds of the Association, and messengers elected annually by the churches of this body.

Art. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, vice-moderator, recording and corresponding secretary, treasurer and auditor, an executive committee of seven, and an ordaining board. The moderator, recording secretary and treasurer shall constitute three members of the executive committee. These officers shall be elected annually and hold their office until their successors are elected.

Art. 5. The moderator shall preside at all meetings or call some brother to fill the chair, and enforce order in accordance with the Rules of Decorum and Constitution. He shall settle points of order, give the casting vote in case of a tie, and appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered by the body.

Art. 6. The recording secretary shall perform the usual duties belonging to such office. He shall sign all orders drawn on the treasurer.

Art. 7. Corresponding secretary shall take charge of all the correspondence between this Association and other bodies. All communications and appeals to the various churches of this field shall be sent to him. He shall be ex-officio secretary to the executive committee.

Art. 8. The Treasurer of this Association shall be treasurer of the Union meeting. He shall hold all monies and valuable papers belonging to this Association. He shall pay orders only when they are properly drawn and signed by the moderator and secretary. He shall give an annual report to this body, preceded by an examination and endorsement of the Auditor. He shall give bond to the full security of the Association property in his hands.

Art. 9. The executive committee shall have full charge of the Association when it is not in session. They shall draw the plans of operation for the field approved by the Association. All claims on the treasurer of this body must be presented to the executive committee. They shall meet as often as called together by the corresponding secretary and moderator and shall make full report of their work to the Association through the corresponding secretary. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

Art. 10. The ordaining board shall have supervision of the ecclesiastical department of the Association. They shall examine all applicants for ordination, and pass on the credentials of all members of this body.

All requests for ministerial aid from this Association must be recommended by the ordaining board.

Art. 11. Any regular Baptist church may continue its membership in this Association by the payment of ten (10) cents per capita for each of its members. (Said 10 cents is also the representation fee into the various Union Meetings.) Two fifths of which shall be used for general expenses, and three-fifths for ministerial education, and by raising money for missions. Any church failing to come up to the financial requirements of the Association shall not be considered in good standing and not allowed to enroll until satisfaction is rendered to this body by such church.

Art. 12. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other deliberative bodies of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this Association by sending their messengers to an annual meeting with letters of petition and agreeing to the declaration of principles laid down in God's word.

Art. 13. The members convened in the Association shall have no ecclesiastical or disciplinary power over the churches.

Art. 14. The Association shall meet annually, and be composed of not more than three messengers from each church, with a letter, giving the condition of the church. Said meeting to convene on Wednesday before the third Lord's day in October, with an introductory sermon, and continue in session until business is completed. The Union Meeting shall meet on Friday before each fifth Sunday or as often as may deem practicable, and should there fail to be a place for a Union Meeting at the session, the Executive Committee shall find a location and notify the field immediately through the Corresponding Secretary.

Art. 15. No difficulty between churches or church shall be heard by this Association until Gospel steps have been fully taken outside of this body to settle the difficulty.

Art. 16. Any church, a member of this body, that is corrupt in practice or doctrine, after Gospel steps have been taken to reclaim it, and it persists in its course, shall no longer be a member of this body, and the reason in full shall be published in the minutes. Any church failing to represent by letter or messengers two successive years, shall be visited by suitable admonition, and if it neglects to represent the third year, it shall be dropped from this Association.

Art. 17. All visiting ministers shall be welcomed to seats among us, but not allowed to vote.

Art. 18. The Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. Provided such amendments shall be submitted on the 1st day of the sitting of the Association and adopted on a subsequent day.

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building & Repairs	Church Exp's	Missions	Education	Charity	Total	Value of church Property
Bethel	$ 75 00	97 50	2 80	25	32	25	176 10	500 00
Brown Creek	300 00		55 93	50	9 34	21 42	387 89	2 500 00
Cedar Creek	200 00	44 55	40 70	1 00	5 88	50	392 63	1 250 00
Chambers Grove	125 00		10 75	50	65	5 00	141 90	1 300 00
Chilson Grove	250 00		11 35	2 00	3 60	50	267 45	300 00
Cool Spring	100 00		2 80	50	25	25	103 00	
Deep Creek	600 00		320 70	91 85		79 00	1 095 45	3 500 00
Ebenezer	250 00	350 00	83 70	13 00		15 00	713 70	1 800 00
Elizabeth M	1 000	11 430 88	585 87	11 50	11 00	2 90	13 042 05	50 000 00
Elizabeth P D	178 12	50	15 50	1 00	1 76	1 50	198 38	1 600 00
Flat Rock	180 88		28 40	50	3 35	4 00	215 85	2 000 00
Fletcher's Grove	465 00		35 00	6 00	2 00	27 50	535 50	3 000 00
Flint Ridge	250 00	23 50	21 90	9 00		79 22	383 62	1 500 00
Flint Ridge W	75 00	359 50	5 25			2 75	442 50	750 00
Friendship	500 00	100 00	70 35	50	5 00	50	676 35	
Gallilee	179 00	40 16	37 50	25		50	267 41	1 000 00
Green Hill	150 00	50 00	13 50	1 00	50	50	215 50	
Long Pine	200 00		32 50	50	1 50	3 35	237 75	1 500 00
Madison Grove	210 00		78 10	16 05	20 07	30 17	356 89	2 500 00
Meltonsville	300 00	316 66		106 50	50	50	723 50	4 000 00
McLean Grove	280 00	135 00	40 21	6 95	5 11	32 00	499 17	
Mt Zion	250 00	120 00	46 25	1 00	2 21	1 50	320 96	1 500 00
Mt Moriah	65 00	31 25	5 90	1 00	3 40	5 77	112 32	
New Zion	155 00	102 50	38 30	1 00	3 50	6 50	307 30	1 250 00
New Grove	175 00	35 00	11 10	1 00	6 30	25	228 90	1 000 00
Nicy Grove	280 00	36 00	86 50	50	10 50	23 15	436 65	2 000 00
Olive Branch	44 80		3 00	50	1 25	25	49 80	
Poplar Hill	150 00	200 00	20 50	50		1 25	372 25	15 000
Pleasant Hill	100 00		9 30	60	2 00	2 00	113 90	
Parsons Grove	730 00		394 16	14 14	29 14	10 00	1 177 44	3 000
Poplar Spring	325 00		38 90		12 65	5 55	362 10	600
Ramah Grove	300 00	2 00	40 10	50	10 50	50	353 60	1 000
Rockford E	300 00	7 00	20 70	5 32	7 84	1 00	341 86	1 000
Rockford W	300 00	792 00	45 50		7 68	8 50	1 154 68	2 000
Rock Spring	200 00	15 75	26 15	2 00	4 39	50	248 79	1 000
Sandy Ridge	500 00	355 00	35 60	6 00	16 35	4 00	916 95	3 500
Saron	225 00	25 00	47 50	50	3 75	25	302 00	
Shankle Grove	100 50	4 50	4 50	50	50	50	111 00	
Timmonsville	200 00	38 06	9 72	2 00		17 19	266 97	
White Oak	320 00		69 80	5 12	10 22	8 00	412 92	2 000

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Eighteenth Annual Session

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention

Auxiliary to the Zion Association, which was held at Meltonsville, south of Marshville, Aug. 25-26, 1928, with the President (Mrs A C Robinson) presiding.

11:30 a. m. A soul-stirring praise service was conducted by sister Mary Crowder, Lizzie Boggan and Cora Crowder. Sister Crowder read and lined hymn No. 288, "Show pity Lord," etc. Scripture lesson from Acts 16th, 19-40, was read by sister Mary Crowder. Prayer by sister Boggan. 2nd selection, hymn 231, "There is a fountain filled with blood, etc. Each one joined heartily in the service, hence it was very inspiring. At the closing of the praise service the President arose and in most befitting words presented Mrs G W Baucum to conduct the Bible lesson of which she did in a very instructive way from Acts 16 chap., beginning at the 19th verse. She was very pointive in her discourse. Many testimonials followed. After which sister A C Martin lifted the offering, which amounted to $2.90. Sister Austin asked God's blessing on the offering. Benediction.

We re-assembled at 2:30 with sisters Josephine Little and Carrie Ratliff leading praise service. Sister Bivens read and sung hymn 487, Sister Austin led in prayer. Many other songs and prayers were prayed. At the close of the praise service the President came to her seat, made a few timely remarks. Then presented Mrs. S L Davis, mother of the Sunshine Band of the Elizabeth Band, Monroe, to speak to us from the subject, "Why we should have a Sunshine Band in our churches, or Home Circles." She made a wonderful impression on the audience. Next we listened to the calling of the roll. After which the appointing of committees as follows:

Committee on Time and Place..Mrs Fannie Simmons, Chairman. Mrs Ethel Lilly and Hopie J Leak

Committee on Officers..Mrs Ella Blakney, Chairman. Mesdames Eliza Thomas, Amy Ratliff, D C Barrett, Elma Ingram.

Committee on Obituary..Mrs Mary Ingram, Chairman. Mrs Mary Huntley, Miss Allie Gray Leak.

Committee on Resolutions..Mrs Lilly Inman, Chairman Mrs Lena Huntley, Miss Hattie Monroe.

Committee on Garments..Mrs Jaunetta Gatewood,Ch'm Mrs Ola Chambers, Miss Irena Ponds.

Bro J L Horne lifted the collection, which amounted to $1.35. God's blessing was asked on the offering by sister Flora Austin. Assignment of homes. Adjournment.

SUNDAY MORNING

Praise service was conducted by Mrs R A Waddell,Mrs Flora Austin and Mrs Josie Bivens. This service was full of spiritual ferver, and was enjoyed by all. At the close of this service the President presented Mrs Horne, mother of the Sunshine Band. She in turn presented Miss Allie Gray Leak as mistress of ceremonies. She and the other young people rendered a most excellent program, which was responded to in a most encouraging manner by Prof. C C Horne. At this period we listened to an excellent report from the All Baptist Drive by Mrs Annie C Martin (Little). Miss Willie Ree Robinson reported for the Sunshine Band. They reported the total amount of money raised $2,113.33.

Then the doors were closed for the quiet moments. After singing a verse the doors were opened, at which time the pastor arose and sang "I heard the voice of Jesus say," etc. Then announced for a text Habakah 3:2. "Oh Lord revive the work in the midst of the years." The speaker in his usual way, spoke with power. We all enjoyed the sermon. We could say with those of old, our hearts did burn within while he preached to us the word of God. He closed by singing "go preach my gospel saith the Lord." Prayer was offered by Rev D V Blakeney. Bros Joe Brewer and Acy Chambers lifted an offering for the pastor, which amounted to $28.80.

Then an offering for missions which amounted to $9.10 was taken by Bro Judge McCoy. The president made remarks. Then asked Rev T H Herbert to pronounce the benediction. Thus ended another great meeting in the history of our work. The various committees reported as follows: We, your committee on officers beg leave to submit the follows: That the officers for the year 1928-29 be as follows:

Mrs A C Robinson, 321 ch. ave., Monroe, President
' G W Baucum, R. A., Wadesboro, Vice-President
' I S A Hilliard, Wadesboro, Rec. Sec.
' C C Horne, R. 1, Peachland, Cor. Sec.
' M F Little, R. 1, Wadesboro, Treasurer

Ex. Board --Mrs C C Boulware, Monroe, Chairman. Mrs. Julia Redfern. Monroe, Mrs. Lizzie Boggan, Polkton R. F. D. Mrs Mary Crowder Wingate Mrs Alberta Davis R. 2 Polkton Mrs Lola Chambers Route, Marshville Mrs Julia C. Bennett Route A. Wadesboro.

This committee recommend that each board member defray her own expenses, or ask their own respective circles to pay their way. Report adopted. See Committees.

We, your committee on Time and Place, wish to report the following: That we hold our next Union with the Parsons Grove Circle on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in Dec., 1928. See committee.

On Obituary--We, your committee on Obituary, beg leave to submit the following: It is with much sadness that we have to mention the following ones having left us since our last meeting, namely Deep Creek, Miss Josie Broadaway. West Rockford Mrs Mary Ingram, Flint Ridge, sisters Dollie Lee and Ellen Tanner. We recommend that we bow in humble submission to him who doeth all things well. See committee.

Committee on Resolutions--We wish to make the following report; Our meeting in this beautiful, magnificient church closes our 18th annual meeting of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary work, with a record of prosperity and efficiency in missionary activities, both home and abroad. We have been graciously entertained by the pastor, members and friends of this church. Nothing has been with held from us; but all has been done for our comfort. The inspiration thus received will better fit us for the task with which must be profound during the coming year. Therefore be resolved that a vote of thanks be tendered to the pastor, church and friends who have so nobly entertained us, and pray God's blessings for prosperity and success in the work which they are engaged. Respectfully, Committee.

Roll of Churches and Presidents

MISSON CIRCLES

Friendship--Mrs Hattie Bennett Watts, Pres., Monroe
Brown Creek--Mrs Martha Streetr, R. 1------Wadesboro
Mt Zion--Mrs Robert Sturdivant------ ... -----Polkton
New Grove-- ... -- ----------
Saron--Mrs Nettie Polk---------- ---------- Polkton
Elizabeth M.--Mrs Annie R Robinson ----------Monroe
McLean Grove ----------
New Zion Mrs D Thomas ----------Peachland
Nicy Grove--Mrs Mary Crowder------Wingate, Box 153
Elizabeth P D--Mrs Henrietta Diggs -------Pee Dee, R. 1
Poplar Springs--Mrs Alberta Davis, R. 1----- -- Polkton
Deep Creek--Julia C Bennett, R. A---- ----- Wadesboro
Parsons Grove--Mrs V E Bennett, R. A-------- Lilesville
Long Pine--Mrs D C Barrett, R. 1 ---- ----- Ruby, S C
Ebenezer W--Mrs Alice Hilliard, 18 Sikes Ave.,Wadesb'o
Rockford E--Mrs Annie C Martin, -- ---- Wadesboro
Gallilee ----------
Chilson Grove--Mrs Sallie Diggs, R. 1-- ---- Pee Dee, N C
Meltonsville--Mrs Mary E Ingram, R. 2------ Peachland
Fletchers Grove ---- ----------
Ramah Grove--Mrs Lenora Chavis ----------Morven

White Oak Grove—Mrs Mary M Melton—Morven
Pleasant Hill
Sandy Ridge—Mrs Josephine Little—Morven
Madison Grove—Mrs G W Baucum, Route A, Wadesboro
Poplar Hill Mrs Dora Smith, R. 1—Peachland
Flat Rock—Mrs Ethel Lilly, Route A, Box 54—Wadesboro
Rockford W—Mrs Ida J Sullivant—Wadesboro
Flint Ridge E—Mrs Lola Chambers, R. 1—Marshville
Flint Ridge
Chambers Grove
Rock Springs
Mt. Moriah—Mrs Lessie Rivers, R. 1, Box 91—Marshville
Cedar Creek—Mrs Dora Gainey, R. 2—Chesterfield, S C

W. I. C CIRCLES

Friendship
Parsons Grove
Ebenezer
Elizabeth M
White Oak
Rockford E
Nicy Grove—Miss Lena Levingston—Wingate
Poplar Springs
Poplar Hill
New Grove
Elizabeth P D
Mt. Zion
Rockford W
Ramah Grove
Rock Springs
Long Pine
Brown Creek—Miss Crenolia Gatewood, R. 1, Wadesboro
Deep Creek—Katy Dargan, R. A, Box 147
Meltonsville—Miss Rena Chambers
Nicy Grove

SUNSHINE BANDS

Elizabeth M—Willie Ree Robinson—Monroe
Brown Creek—Miss Margie E Crowder, R. 1, Wadesboro
Parsons Grove—Janemar Diggs—Lilesville
New Zion
Rockford E
Friendship

Nicy Grove Della Mae Barrino, Wingate
Poplar Springs
Meltonsville
Deep Creek Master Henry Rivers, R. 2, Peachland
Ebenezer Mrs Elma Ingram, Mother
Elizabeth P D
Chilson Grove
Rockford W
White Oak
Poplar Hill Mrs Mary R. Crowder, R. 1 Polkton
Gallilee
Sandy Ridge Miss Fannie McCoy, R. 2, Marshville
Ramah Grove
Flat Rock
Long Pine Mrs. R. A. Morgan, R. 3 Peachland

MRS. ANNIE C. ROBINSON, President
MRS. ALICE HILLIARD, Rec. Sec.

Annual Report of Treasurer

For the Women's H. & F. M. Union Auxiliary to Zion Association for the year ending July 18, 1928. Though the burden of affliction has fallen heavily on a number of our mission workers, we are still unable to count our many blessings, and we are striving to carry the message of redemption and love, the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Receipts, U. Meetings:

Monroe, Dec. 17, 1927	$71.76
Deep Creek, Mar. 24, 1928	95.75
W. Rockford, June 9, 1928	58.78
Meltonsville, Aug. 26, 1928	89.70
From special worker Mrs. A. Martin	45

Disbursements

Zion Asso. Dec. 17, 1927	$20.00
Oct, 17, 1928	20.00
Foreign mission	56.00
To pastor's collections	80.26
To worker's expenses	62.85
2 delegates' expenses to all B. D at Raleigh	21.38
2 Lot Cary Convention at Winston-Salem	18.60
For programs and mailing	11.42
Sec. for service	6.00
To siek the	4.00
To the sexton	4.00
Miss Capitola Wilson	2.00
M F Little, Dec. 17, 1927	7.00
Mar. 24, 1928	3.00

M. F. LITTLE, Treasurer